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## THREE FIRES IN MEXICO FRI. MORNING

The Mexico fire department received two calls early Friday morning. They were from the home of Elmer Jeffries on West Jackson and the home of C. M. Null on East Monroe street.

The alarm was turned in for the Jeffries' home at 3:30 but the fire had gained such control by the time the fire company arrived that it was a total loss. The alarm was turned in by Fritz Kemper. The family were all asleep and did not wake until the roof was almost ready to cave in. They lost almost everything but escaped without injury.

It is believed that the fire was caused by the blowing out of the fire stopper in one of the rooms. Mr. Jeffries had made a large fire shortly before this time and the heat caused the fire plug to blow out and fall into a basket of clothes which was standing near by.

The houses is a small three room one and is owned by Hugh Donnelly. The loss will be partly covered by insurance.

At 6:15 the fire company was called to the home of C. M. Null. Here the flames had not gained the upperhand and it would have been possible to put out the fire with little damage had it not been for the fact that the first three fire plugs to which the firemen attempted to attach their hose were frozen and in the attempt to use them they were broken. For this reason it was necessary to run the hose several blocks away before attaching it. By this time the flames had gained such a headway that for a time it seemed that the house would burn to the ground. However the fire was brought under control before the lower floor of the house was burned.

The large amount of water used damaged the remainder of the house to such an extent that it will be an almost total loss. The amount of damage has not been estimated but it will be partly covered by the \$5,000 insurance which is carried by Mr. Null. Most of the upstairs furniture was lost but part of the downstairs was saved.

The fire was caused by the fire and the alarm was turned in by Roy Boatman, who lives near. Mr. Null discovered the blaze shortly after the alarm was turned in.

About 10 o'clock someone came into the office of the fire company and said that a small blaze had broken out again at the Null home and asked the fire company to go down and look after it. Someone seeing the fire wagon going down the street, concluded there was another fire and turned in the alarm.

The fourth run made by the company during the morning was to the home of Ben Brown 421 E. Summit street. The blaze was caused by the fire and was extinguished before much damage was done.

## FIRST GENERAL ELECTION WAS HELD IN AUDRAIN COUNTY IN 1838

The first general election in Audrain County was held in 1838. At that time Jonah B. Hatton, James E. Fenton and George W. Caldwell were elected justices of the county court; J. B. Morris, clerk; John Williamson, sheriff; James Jackson, democrat, was elected to the legislature and William White was made treasurer.

It is recorded that the revenue collected that year for state purposes amounted to \$102,184, forty percent of which was in money and the rest in wolf pelts. The generous old sheriff started to Jefferson City and on the way met a neighbor who needed to borrow some money. It is said that the sheriff immediately offered to let him have the money he was taking to the state capital, although it was at that time all the available funds of the county. However the loan was never made.

The amount collected for county purposes that year amounted to \$209.36.

## A. J. (Gus) HINER CAPTAIN OF NEW RIVER BOAT ON MISSISSIPPI

A. J. (Gus) Hiner of St. Louis is now captain of the U. S. Mississippi, a new \$75,000 river boat which is on its way down the river to the mouth of the Mississippi. Captain Hiner is the brother of Mrs. George Robertson of Mexico. He has been on the river for forty years and his father and grandfather were also river men. His grandfather navigated the Mississippi before the time of steamboats. Captain Hiner was in command of the first government barge on the river.

## PROD. GRAIN CO. HOLD ANNUAL MEET

The Producers Grain Co. of this city, held its annual meeting Saturday and re-elected Mord Fox and Reed Burke members of the Board of Directors. Mr. Miller, the secretary and manager, reported the grain business in 1921 for the months the business has been in operation amounted to \$161,034.22. They voted to put aside 20 per cent of the money cleared into the reserve fund and declared an 8 per cent dividend. The following is the report of the live stock department of the business from Feb. 1, 1921 to Dec. 31, 1921:

Total number cars of livestock shipped 130.  
Consisting of Hogs (car loads) 92  
Cattle (car loads) 22  
Sheep (car loads) 16  
Total proceeds of 130 car loads \$160,123.96.

Total of checks given to shippers for livestock \$149,619.73.  
Balance remaining in Sinking Fund and Commission Fund \$504.23.  
Losses paid out of sinking fund \$49.68.

Balance remaining in sinking fund Dec. 31st, 1921, \$177.70.

Balance remaining in commission fund Dec. 31st, 1921, \$276.85.

Average cost per hundred weight for shipping 92 car hogs 55 cents.

Average cost per hundred weight for shipping 22 cars cattle 46 cents.

Average cost per hundred weight for shipping 16 cars sheep 79 cents.

## ROSS R. WAGNER NOMINATED BY REPUBLICANS

Ross R. Wagner was nominated by the Republicans of Mexico for the office of mayor at a mass meeting of the members of the party which was held at the courthouse Friday afternoon.

The others nominated for the various city offices are: City marshal, Arthur F. Abbott; city collector, David G. McGee; city assessor, A. T. Ankrum; police judge, Frederick A. Boutelle; city attorney, Bryan Wilson; city treasurer, Mary D. Henderson; councilman, 1st ward, Ruben A. Markwell; councilman, 2nd ward, Walter Squires; councilman, 3rd ward, Lester Miller; councilman, 4th ward, B. F. Haskell.

Mrs. Henderson is the first woman to be endorsed by a party in Mexico for a city office.

## PROF. JOHN JAMES RESIGNS AS PRESIDENT OF SYNODICAL COLLEGE

Prof. John James, who has been president of Synodical College at Fulton since September 1914, has resigned. His resignation will be effective Saturday of this week at which time he will leave Fulton. In his letter of resignation which was mailed to Dr. Colin A. McPeeters, vice-president of the board of trustees, Professor James said he felt it was necessary for him to complete the graduate work necessary for him to secure his master's degree. It was stated Monday that he had been offered the position of vice-president of Chicago College at Columbia, S. C. The board as yet has no one in mind to fill Mr. James' position.

## REPUBLICANS DECIDE TO PASS BONUS BILL DESPITE WARNING

The Republican members of the two houses of Congress met in joint session Wednesday and decided to pass the soldiers' bonus bill. This action was taken following the statement of Secretary of the Treasury Mellon that the passage of this bill will wreck the foreign debt refunding schemes, postpone the industrial revival of the United States and will increase the tax burdens of the American people to a great extent.

## Will Leave For Minneapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Durkee are moving from St. Louis to Minneapolis, where Mr. Durkee will take the place of Herbert Plunkett as manager of the Minneapolis territory of the A. P. Green Fire Insurance Company. Mr. and Mrs. Durkee moved to St. Louis about a year ago where Mr. Durkee was engaged in similar work. Both Mr. and Mrs. Durkee were active in civic affairs while in Mexico.

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## Send Us Farm News

We received a nice response from our last request for Farm News for the Ledger so are going to ask again that you send us any news of the farm you may have.

The Stock column and the Farm Club column of the Ledger contain much of interest to the farmer. We ask that the farmer co-operate with us in making these columns even more interesting.

The only place we can get farm news is from the farm. We appreciate the co-operation of our many farmer friends in securing this news. Call us or stop us on the street and give us your farm news.

*F. Mitchell White*

**A DOUBLE** Installment of the Serial Story will appear next week.



## FARM CLUB NEWS

### FARM CLUB MEETINGS (Send us your dates)

#### CEDAR GROVE FARM CLUB—

Every Thursday night.

#### BEAVER DAM FARM CLUB—

Every Friday night.

Molino meets every other Friday night.

MACEDONIA—First and third Wednesdays.

PISGAH—First and third Tuesdays.

PINE—First and third Mondays.

DANIEL—First and third Tuesdays.

FOX—First and third Friday nights.

D. Miller, President, John O'Brien, Secretary.

PAYNE—Every second and fourth Friday nights.

OAK GROVE—Third Monday night of each month.

ELM BEND—First Monday night of each month.

GATEWOOD—President Lewis Callaway, secretary F. L. McGee.

BENTON CITY—Starting February 9th meets Thursday night every two weeks.

The Martinsburg Club has a membership of 85; A. H. Mears is president, Harry Crane, secretary. The Live Stock Shipping Association shipped \$28,000 worth of stock since its organization late in 1921. J. W. Perry is manager.

The new board of directors of the Martinsburg elevator are Tom Noel, president, E. W. Rockwell, v-president, W. J. Fennwald, secretary, Martin Hoer, B. A. Dubert, Clem Arens.

There will be a meeting in Ladonia at 2 p. m., Feb. 4, for the purpose of organizing a Farm Club.

W. R. T.

Payne "Farm Club" meets every second and fourth Friday nights.

The women organized an Auxiliary Club. They will meet the same nights the Farm Club does.

The Outwell Farm Club, in the Vandalia-Gazette district, is organized almost 100 per cent. The Ladies Aid of this club presented successfully a play Friday night last and Henry Dean, county secretary was present and addressed the gathering.

Present Big Debate.

The Sun Rise Farm Club gave the Rumpus Gap debate Saturday night. There was a large crowd present and everyone was much pleased with the excellent performance. Those from this city who attended the session were Henry Dean, W. A. Shroat, J. J. Benzer, A. Montague and Will Horton.

Friday night the Prairie Hill Farm club enjoyed a great treat. The Pleasant Plains Club came and brought their play. It is a negro comedy entitled, O Doctor. The acting was good and kept the audience convulsed with laughter. Ross Knudsen, wife and son, Matthew Heaton and wife and nephew, George Beedle's boy, and Mrs. Joe Laird and son were the actors. After the play, the question resolved that only farm club members should enjoy the benefits and privileges of the Shipping Association was discussed and decided in favor of the affirmative.

The Audrain County Farm Club Association started this week a House-to-House county-wide membership drive. The clubs at present

have a total membership of over 1300 and the present drive, it is expected, will see the membership pass this mark. Audrain has one of the best and strongest organizations of this kind in the state.

The Farm Club drive started Monday at Benton City and of the twelve men solicited in a half day's work 11 joined and the other signed his intention later. County Secretary Henry Dean was assisted there by W. B. Goodson, A. H. Montague and Roy Ballew. In the mail Tuesday Dean received 87 new and renewal memberships. The drive is all over the county and the workers meeting with much interest.

The question of the commission which the county association of Farm Clubs would charge in the matter of farm loans was taken up by the Executive Committee and it was recommended that a commission of \$5 be charged for each \$1,000. This sum will be paid into the treasury of the County Association.

"If it will be found possible to handle these loans more cheaply, the commission will be reduced," said Henry Dean. "The best means to cut overhead expense is through volume of business and the officers of the association believe that with the co-operation of the farmers it will soon be possible to go into the money cheapest rates."

## TEMPERATURE OF JANUARY BELOW NORMAL

The month of January, 1922, which ended Tuesday, is the first month since August, 1920 which has not been warmer than its normal average. This month's record will give a slight setback to the theory that the weather is growing continuously warmer.

The total deficiency in the daily mean temperature for the month as compared with the normal mean temperatures for January was 32 degrees or an average of a little more than one degree a day below normal. The normal mean temperature for a month is the average through a period of fifty years.

The lowest temperature for January and also for the season thus far was six degrees below zero on the 23rd. The highest temperature was fifty-six degrees above on the 16th. The total snow fall for the month was 5 1/4 inches, the largest snowfall of the month and of the season being 4 1/4 inches on the 21st.

### Hardings in Indiana.

Clare Harding, of this city, who is holding successful revivals in Indiana, writes the Ledger, that he and his wife are meeting with splendid results in their work. Both have been sick with colds but are better. Mr. Harding and his wife play many nature engagements which is an indication of their success and satisfaction in the work.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Robertson, Jr., have returned from a short visit in St. Louis.

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## REHEARSALS FOR "MESSIAH" TO BE BEGUN

The first rehearsal for Handel's "Messiah" which will be presented in Mexico in the spring will be held at Hardin College at 7:30 Monday evening. This rehearsal will be for the men's chorus. Any man in Mexico who is interested in taking part in the production is asked to be present whether he has had previous training in the work or not. George May of Hardin College, who is in charge of the production, is planning to have a male chorus of fifty voices.

The first rehearsal for the women's chorus will be held at 4:16 a week from Wednesday at the Methodist Church under the direction of Mrs. F. N. Henderson. All women interested in taking part are asked to be present.

The "Messiah" will be the largest musical undertaking ever produced in Mexico, several hundred voices taking part.

## Old Resident of Audrain County Dies

C. Duffy, 84 years old died at Audrain Hospital Wednesday night after an illness of eight weeks.

Mr. Duffy was born in Ireland and came to this county at the age of 7 years. He was married in 1886 to Miss Catherine Keating, who died about twelve years ago. Since that time Mr. Duffy has been making his home with his son, Alan, in the Gant neighborhood.

He is survived by the following children: Mrs. Frank Weinand of Mexico; Mrs. John McCory and Alan and Peter Duffy of this county; Kit Duffy of Kansas City; Mrs. Ray Miller of Clifton, Colo.; and Mrs. E. G. Hagedorn of Slater.

The funeral services were held at 10 o'clock Friday morning at St. Brendan's Church.

The Ledger joins the many friends of Mr. Duffy in extending deepest sympathy to the relatives.

## Missionary Board Holds Meeting Mon.

Plans for the training school for religious education which will be held in Mexico in March were discussed at the meeting of the missionary board of the sixth Missouri district of the Christian Church which was held here Monday.

It was decided to hold Sunday School institutes in the smaller churches of the district during the rest of the winter and in the spring. This work will be carried on by the county organizations.

A program committee, headed by W. G. Alcorn, of Fulton, was appointed to make arrangements for the Missouri Christian Missionary society which will be held in Mexico in May. About 150 of 200 delegates are expected for the meeting.

## FIRE DAMAGES TALBOT HOME AT MOBERLY WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The home of E. B. Talbot, of Moberly was badly damaged by fire Wednesday afternoon. The roof was burned off but the firemen succeeded in saving the house from being completely destroyed. It is believed that the fire started from a spark on the roof. Mrs. Talbot said she smelled smoke about noon but was unable to locate the flames. Considerable damage was done to the house by the large quantity of water used. The house is a two story structure and one of the most modern and beautiful homes in Moberly. Mr. and Mrs. Talbot formerly lived in Mexico.

The many friends of Mrs. W. F. Settle will regret to hear she is no better.

Red Charge of Bloodhounds. G. D. Burges had charge of the bloodhounds which were taken into Pike County to hunt for a party who had wrecked the interior of a school building. The search was successful as two boys and a man confessed to the piece of vandalism.

Is Appointed Postmaster. H. E. Chidrup received word recently of his appointment as postmaster of Ladonia.

Mrs. A. L. Hunt is not so well today.

## SMITH HATCHERY MAKES FIRST SHIPMENT

The first shipment from the Smith Brothers' Hatchery, which came to Mexico from Martinsburg, has been made. This was a special order to a St. Louis firm.

The first eggs for their own orders went in January 17, being a small set of 2,000 eggs. More eggs were placed in the machine January 23. The hatchery will probably be running at its full capacity of 52,000 eggs by the third week in February as it is becoming possible now to get eggs in larger numbers. When the incubators are running at capacity, three and one half tons of eggs will be used at one setting.

There has been little trouble in securing the kind of eggs wanted with the exception of Buff Rocks and White Rocks but so far it has been necessary to ship in eggs of these two breeds.

The Smith Brothers Hatchery is one of the largest concerns of this kind in the United States. It is affiliated with the Caldwell Hatchery in St. Louis and the Oventon Hatchery in Birmingham, Ala., and has sales agencies will be added as the business grows. Ga., Greenwood, Ark., Marine, Ill., and Jacksonville, S. C. More agencies will be added as the business is expanded.

## W. F. CORLI TELLS C. OF C. RATE FACTS

About 70 business men gathered at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon Thursday noon to hear the address of W. F. Corli on how the rates for public utilities are made. The singing jazz orchestra of Hardin students, a most capable musical organization gave a delightful concert in the early part of the house and a motion of appreciation was passed. Miss Betsy Worrell also addressed the gathering on the coming of the Coffer-Miller Players at Hardin.

In his address Mr. Corli had the figures on a large blackboard. He first entered into the matter of the water department showing its expenses and income last year. This was followed with a showing of comparative prices on heat, light, water and gas with other Missouri cities this size. In every instance but that of small power users the rates here were less than elsewhere. He stated that the company was just coming to where they could make a fair return on their money. That the rates were made by the Public Utilities Commission based on the value of the property.

His address was most interesting and enlightening. He stated that the Mexico gas rates would probably be lowered by the commission shortly. In closing he stated that those who desire any further information of a more detailed character could call at the Utilities Co., office where he would be glad to go into the matter with them.

### L. B. Hawthorne on Program.

L. B. Hawthorne will be on the program of the annual school administration meeting which will be held in Columbia February 8. The visitors will be the guests of the Columbia Commercial Club on an automobile trip over the city and at a banquet at the Daniel Boone Tavern.

### The Rev. E. C. Gordon Dies.

The Rev. E. C. Gordon, D. D., one of the most prominent theologians of the Southern Presbyterian Church died at his home in St. Louis Thursday afternoon of pneumonia. He was quite well known in Mexico and was president of Westminster College at Fulton from 1892 to 1898.

Miss Virginia Pearson, who is teaching in the high school in Fulton, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alonso Pearson in Mexico.

Leo Hauls sold the Mrs. Canada 82 acre farm north of Mexico to Oscar Pohl, of Herman, Mo. The price was not stated.

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## NEW FACTORY FOR MEXICO HAS STARTED

The Greer-Henn Electric Co., of this city, has started the manufacture of an Armaphone and also electric motors. The work is being done for the present in the rear of their establishment at the corner of Washington and Promenade streets, but they expect to expand in the Spring and occupy the entire second floor of the building in which they are at present located.

The Armaphone is an electrical device for automobile mechanics which will enable them, without any scientific knowledge, to find shorts, grounds, leaks or opens in any of the electrical equipment of a motor car. The Armaphone will fill a place in this work which has been a serious question in automobile repairing in the past.

They will also manufacture motors from a half horse-power to 15 h. p. This motor will be on an entirely new design and has many attractive features other motors lack. We join the people of Mexico in wishing this new industry success.

## 110 KILLED IN THEATRE ACCIDENT

WASHINGTON, January 30.—One hundred and ten persons are known to have been killed and two hundred and fifty injured when the roof on the Knickerbocker Theatre, a moving picture theatre, collapsed Saturday night. The weight of the two feet of snow on the roof was the cause of the disaster which has taken its place as one of the greatest tragedies for many years. It is believed that there are still some bodies in the ruins and some of those who are injured will die.

The theatre is situated in one of the select residential districts of Washington and the list of dead and injured includes the names of many notables.

Estimates place the number of those in the theatre at the time of the accident at 1,000 and it is believed that at least one half of this number was killed or injured.

## Former Mexico Boys Interested in Oil Company

Arnold and James Edmonston, sons of the Rev. and Mrs. J. O. Edmonston of Mexico are the trustees of the Rockwell "100" Oil Syndicate which has a total capitalization of 10,000 shares at \$1 each. The syndicate has 100 acres of land in Rockwell County, Tex., in the part of Texas which a geological report classifies as one of the best structures of Texas and one which will produce a tremendous flow of oil when the drill has gone into the oil sand.

### Auction Brings \$1,736.

The first Red Arrow Auction which was held at the Alamo Drug Company Saturday afternoon brought \$1,736. Twenty-one prizes were bought by the participants with the bonds which they had received when buying merchandise at the Busy Bee, Hen-Greer Electric Company, J. C. King Grocery or the Alamo Drug Company, which are members of the Red Arrow Association.

### Employ New Coach.

James E. Pixlee, who played end on the Missouri foot ball team in 1919, 1921 and 1922 has been employed as director of Athletics at Westminster College. He will fill out the unexpired term of Coach H. L. Green, who recently resigned and enter upon a three-year term of his own.

### Forgo Farm Over.

Groves, David of Mexico, who was driving a Ford car to Jefferson City Sunday morning, suffered serious injuries and the loss of two limbs when the car turned over. The accident took place southwest of Fulton near the twin churches.

Miss Helen Wilkins returned to Mexico Monday morning after spending the week-end in Columbia.

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